

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

After an association of 28 years with the Fish and Wildlife Service and its preceding agencies, W. B. Bell retired on August 1 as principal biologist and chief of the Division of Wildlife Research. His place has been taken by Clarence Cottam.

Several Canadian parties were actively engaged in faunal reconnaissance in northwestern Canada during the past summer. A. L. Rand, of the National Museum of Canada, headed a party which covered a route through the mountains between Yukon Territory and the Mackenzie River. C. H. D. Clarke, of the Lands, Parks and Forests Branch of the Department of Mines and Resources, accompanied by T. M. Shortt, of the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology, carried on investigations in various parts of Yukon Territory. V. C. Wynne-Edwards, of McGill University, conducted faunal explorations along the Mackenzie River under the auspices of the Canadian Department of Fisheries.

Jean Delacour and William Beebe are revising the latter's monograph on the pheasants. It is expected that the new work, which will include Delacour's valuable experiences in collecting and rearing the rarer species, will not appear until some time after the war.

Harrison F. Lewis has succeeded Hoyes Lloyd as Superintendent of Wildlife Protection for Canada. Dr. Lewis, who for more than 20 years has been district officer in charge of migratory bird protection in Ontario and Quebec and is currently second vice-president of the Wilson Ornithological Club, thus takes full charge of the work by which a Canadian statute implements the Migratory Birds Treaty throughout the Dominion.

Oliver H. Hewitt, who obtained his doctoral degree at Cornell University last spring, has been made Chief Federal Migratory Bird Officer for Ontario and Quebec.

A. Starker Leopold of the Missouri Department of Conservation has been engaged by the Pan-American Union to make a two-year game survey of Mexico. The project is being financially supported by six American organizations. The Mexican government, which is actively cooperating, will aid Dr. Leopold by supplying two field assistants.

Publication date on Ernst Mayr's *Birds of the Southwest Pacific* (Macmillan, New York) has been set as November 7, 1944. This handbook will stress field identification and is intended especially for the use of the many servicemen now stationed in that region. New Guinea and the Bismarcks are considered outside the scope of the volume.

Margaret M. Nice and Alden H. Miller have been elected Foreign Members of the British Ornithologists' Union.

The University of Minnesota's Museum of Natural History completed a Swallow-tailed Kite habitat group during the past summer. The background, a view from a high bluff overlooking the broad Mississippi River bottomlands below Winona, was painted by F. L. Jaques on a grant to the Museum made by Major George M. Sutton in memory of his mother.

The Wildlife Society, at its annual meeting in Chicago last spring, voted *The Wild Turkey in Virginia* by H. S. Mosby and C. O. Handley the outstanding paper published in 1943 in the field of wildlife ecology and management.

James L. Peters has completed the manuscript of Volume 5 of his *Check List of the Birds of the World*. Twelve families, from the Trochilidae through the Bucerotidae, are covered. It will probably be published in 1945.

Upon the resignation of C. G. Abbot last June, Alexander Wetmore assumed the duties of Acting Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution on July 1.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

For the third year the Wilson Ornithological Club must conduct its annual election of officers and members of the Council by mail. Your Committee offers the following nominations for 1945:

President: S. Charles Kendeigh

First Vice-president: Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr.

Second Vice-president: Harrison F. Lewis

Secretary: Maurice Brooks

Treasurer: Milton B. Trautman

Councillors: Burt L. Monroe, Eugene P. Odum, Lawrence H. Walkinshaw

In addition to the slate offered above, any Active, Sustaining, or Life member of the Wilson Ornithological Club is eligible for office. You are urgently requested to mail your votes to the Secretary, whether you choose to support the slate given above, or whether you choose to write in the names of other eligible members for one or all of the offices.

PAUL L. ERRINGTON

LAWRENCE E. HICKS, *Chairman*

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

The Kentucky Ornithological Society was organized in Louisville on April 19, 1923, by Gordon Wilson, B. C. Bacon, and L. O. Pindar. In 1924 the Society held a program meeting in conjunction with the Kentucky Educational Association in Louisville, and at the same time arrangements were completed for affiliation with the Wilson Ornithological Club. The two-day spring meetings have become so popular among Kentucky teachers that since 1939 the cost of an outstanding lecturer on ornithology has been borne by the Educational Association. Annual fall meetings have been held since 1925 in various parts of the state.

In 1925 Gordon Wilson began publishing a quarterly journal, *The Kentucky Warbler*. This journal is now in its twentieth volume and has increased in size from 16 to 52 pages per year. Articles range from accounts of trips, field days, and bird experiences to carefully prepared analyses of bird habitats, distribution, and life histories.

In 1942 the Kentucky Junior Academy of Science became affiliated with the Kentucky Ornithological Society. By the offer of a prize the high school students who compose its membership are encouraged to study and write about birds. The prize paper is published in the *Kentucky Warbler*.

The officers for the current year are: President, H. B. Lovell; Vice-president, Victor K. Dodge; Secretary-treasurer, Helen Browning; Editor, Gordon Wilson.— HARVEY B. LOVELL, *President*.